

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:178  
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2010  
STORAGE SYSTEM FOR FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total storage capacity of Government owned godowns alongwith the quantum of foodgrains stored therein;
- (b) the quantum and value of foodgrains damaged during transit and storage alongwith the amount spent on their disposal;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to modernise the system of handling, transportation and storage of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b), (c) & (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.178 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.03.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): The total storage capacity of FCI as on 31.01.2010 is 282.68 lakhs tonnes. The stock of FCI and State Agencies in Central Pool as on 31.1.2010 was 205.87 lakh tonnes and 251.2 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b): The total quantity of foodgrains damaged in handling, transit and storage during 2009-10 (upto January 2010) is 4,000 tonnes. Its value is estimated to be Rs.2.21 crores. FCI incurred an expenditure of Rs.1.75 lakhs in disposal of damaged foodgrains.

(c): Yes, Madam. With a view to modernize the storage capability of FCI, a capacity of 5.50 lakh tonnes of Silos was sanctioned under Public Private Partnership. Base Depots of 2 lakh tonnes each of storage capacity have been established at Moga in Punjab and Kaithal in Haryana. Both these Silos have been commissioned and FCI has started using them from RMS 2007-08.

For creation of storage capacity for the long term, Government has formulated a scheme for construction of storage godowns through Private Entrepreneurs, under 7 year guarantee.